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1. To get a clear picture of the significance of the current change in the foreign policy of the USSR, one must bear in mind that the objective of Soviet Communism remains unalterable. It is the Bolshevization of the entire world. 25X1
2. The only change that ever occurs in Soviet policy is one of approach, i.e., how can its objective best be attained. Within every Communist Party there are fundamentally two factions. They gain the upper hand alternatively according to the situation of the moment, and according to the success or failure of the tactical approach that happens to be employed at any given moment. One faction is entirely imbued with dogma and the revolutionary doctrine. It finds its mainstay in the proletariat, led by the cadres of the Communist parties, and entirely refuses all cooperation or compromises with right-wing groups.
3. The other faction not only admits the usefulness of cooperation with nationalistic and reactionary elements, but will, under certain circumstances, consider such cooperation desirable, even at the expense of the proletariat. It will not hesitate to employ this approach if it will serve the purposes of Soviet Communism in the long run and further the long-range plans of Soviet imperialism.
4. As long as Stalin was alive, he was the one who decided which tactical approach would be used. His instrument for achieving the fundamental objective of world Bolshevization was the Comintern. During the war he saw fit to disband it, purely for opportunistic reasons. He renewed it under the name of Cominform in 1948, when the Cold War reached a critical stage. But the Cominform proved a failure during the Korean War when it failed to prevent Western intervention in Korea.
5. Since 1952, the Cominform has been little more than a debating platform for theoreticians and doctrinaires, without any practical significance. As a result, if the Soviets were to offer the West the dissolution of the Cominform as a

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gesture of good will, that would be no more than a joke. The erstwhile duties of the Comintern and the task of actual control of world Communism have long since been taken over by the International Bureau in Moscow, headed by M. A. Suslov.¹ This bureau is completely Soviet operated and representatives of non-Soviet Communist parties are attached to it at best only as advisors and experts.

6. The objectives of the current Soviet maneuvering are, briefly, the neutralization of Europe and preventing Germany from rearming on the side of the West. If the Soviets fail to obtain these, one must expect a resuscitation of the Comintern in a new and aggressive form. Such an organization already exists in the preparatory stage and if it should go into operation, it will probably remain largely a clandestine, underground setup, at least in those countries where that would be necessary. When that happens, there will no doubt also be a visible change of personnel in the higher echelons of the Soviet world.

1. Comment. The International Bureau is possibly identical to the Foreign Section of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, headed by Suslov.

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